

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 96-232-W - ORDER NO. 96-580
AUGUST 22, 1996

IN RE: Concerned Citizens Against Carolina)	ORDER
Water, Inc.,)	
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Complainant,)	
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vs.)	
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Carolina Water Service, Inc.,)	
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Respondent.)	
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the complaint of Brenda Bryant, individually, and the Concerned Citizens Against Carolina Water, Inc. ("CCACW") against Carolina Water Service, Inc. ("CWS" or the "Company"). This Commission previously issued Order No. 96-524 requiring CWS to "take immediate steps to provide adequate service through the purchase of water from another utility or municipality" to CWS's customers in the Company's I-20 service area. In the same Order, this Commission instructed the Commission Staff ("Staff") to initiate, by giving notice, a proceeding to pursue potential forfeiture of CWS's bond. We stated that in such a proceeding we would seek to determine "whether the Company willfully failed to provide adequate and sufficient service without

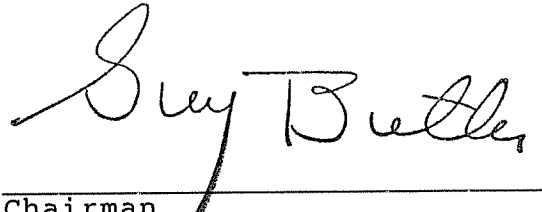
just cause and excuse and whether such failure has continued for an unreasonable length of time."

We now consider this matter further in light of the Company's actions. We instruct Staff to issue the notice of the hearing concerning potential forfeiture of the current bond. Staff also shall expand that notice to compel CWS to demonstrate at that hearing that it has complied with the Commission's findings and conclusions set forth in Order No. 96-524 as they relate to the provision of adequate service through the purchase of water from another utility or municipality.

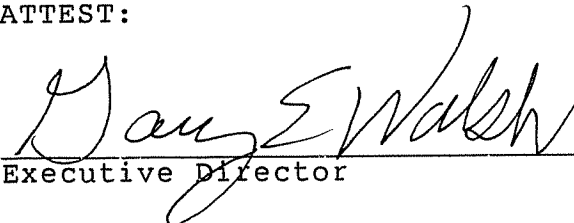
We now conclude that, based upon current circumstances, the partial curtailment on outside water usage in the I-20 service area shall be terminated. We lift this ban in light of the Company's assertions that an adequate water supply is available to the CWS customers in the I-20 service area.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order by the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Deputy Executive Director
(SEAL)